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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## WHO WILL BE THE FOOL?

By Evangelist Jesse M. Hendley, D. D.  
Atlanta, Georgia

"Who is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:20, 21.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolish unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—I Cor. 2:14.

"Let no man deceive himself, If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."—I Cor. 3:18.

My subject is, "Who will Be the Fool?" In I Corinthians, Paul deals with wisdom. Wisdom is the theme of this entire book. He speaks of the wisdom of this world which is contrary to the wisdom of the living God. He speaks about foolishness in chapter 1, verse 20: "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" Then verse 21 reads: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Now to whom is this preaching foolishness? Certainly it is not to God. He is the One who ordained it. Certainly it is not foolish to Christ. Certainly it isn't to anyone in Heaven. Heaven thinks the greatest thing on this earth is the preaching of the gospel. To whom is it foolishness? It isn't to those who believe and are saved from their sins. No, there is light on their faces and rejoicing in their hearts. They have been saved. They have a hope they have never had before. They are on their way to Heaven. Sin has been broken up in their lives. They love God.

Then to whom is preaching foolishness? To the ungodly; to those who resist God; to those who do

not love God; to those in rebellion against God. My dear friends, if you are among those who are against God's preachers and God's servants and God's church and God's day and God's Bible, some

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Jesse M. Hendley

## Choice Letter Month Letters

From great flood of readers' letters choice ones are selected for publication. Still time for others.

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

Selecting Letter Month letters to be published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD is becoming increasingly more difficult. Not that there are few to choose from, but because there are so many. The letters below were prayerfully selected from among a pile of over 5,000. We've read just about every word of each letter and our heart rejoices to learn how God is using the ministry of Dr. John R. Rice and THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are convinced that if more of our readers could know how these letters encourage Dr. Rice and those who work with him, they would take time in the closing days of Letter Month to write their letters.

Because a letter is not published in THE SWORD, doesn't mean that it was not treasured just as much as those which were printed. Your letter will be read and your comments or criticisms will be considered. We've already begun to remedy some of the faults pointed out by loyal readers. We're pretty happy, too, that approximately 99 per cent of the letters indicate that the writers are being blessed by SWORD OF THE LORD publications.

Here is just a little sample of the good things we find in our mail each time the postman comes.

### More Fire in His Preaching

"I read every issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and honestly tell you that the sermons contained have put a lot of fire into my preaching. I sense a great difference, my people do, too, and when I have spoken at other associational wide and denomina-

tional meetings God was with me in power. I humbly give God the glory for it all and pray that he shall lead your workers with your publications into even greater fields of service."

R. O. EKRUT, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Strong, Arkansas

### A Deeper Work From Book

"Three months ago I began to receive THE SWORD through the kindness of an unknown friend. These three months have been blessed ones because of THE SWORD's splendid articles and sermons."

"Also, I purchased *The Power of Pentecost*, by Dr. Rice, and it has been the source of great blessings and spiritual strength. In answer to the call of the little Baptist church in this community,

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## A Quest For Souls

By the late George W. Truett, D.D.  
Pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Text: "And he brought him to Jesus."—John 1:42  
The bringing of a soul to Jesus is the highest achievement possible to a human life.

Some one asked Lyman Beecher, probably the greatest of all the Beechers, this question: "Mr. Beecher, you know a great many things. What do you count the greatest thing that a human being can be or do?"

And without any hesitation the famous pulpiteer replied: "The greatest thing is, not that one shall be a scientist, important as that is; nor that one shall be a statesman, vastly important as that is; or even that one shall be a theologian, immeasurably important as that is; but the greatest thing of all," he said, "is for one human being to bring another to Christ Jesus the Saviour."

Surely, he spoke wisely and well. The supreme ambition for every church and for every individual Christian should be to bring somebody to Christ. The supreme method for bringing people to Christ is indicated here in the story of Andrew, who brought his brother Simon to Jesus. The supreme method for winning the world to Christ is the personal method, the bringing of people to Christ one by one. That is Christ's plan. When you turn to the holy Scriptures, they are as clear as light, that God expects every friend He has to go out and see if he cannot win other friends to the same great side and service of Jesus.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me," said Jesus, "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The early church went out and in one short generation shook the Roman empire to its very foundation. It was a pagan, selfish, sodden, rotten empire, and yet in one short generation, that early church had shaken that Roman empire from center to circumference, and kindled a gospel light in every part of the vast domain. And they did it by the personal method. The men and the women and the children who loved Christ, went out everywhere

and talked for Christ, in the hearing of those who knew Him not, and the hearers became interested, and followed on, and found out for themselves the saving truth that there is in Christ's gospel.

Every Christian, no matter how humble, can win somebody else to Christ. You would not challenge that, would you? Let me say it again. Every Christian, however humble, can win somebody else to Christ.

### The Poor Seamstress

That is a most interesting and instructive story told of the nobly gifted Boston preacher, Dr. O. P. Gifford, who preached one morning to his congregation, making the insistence that it is the business, primary and fundamental, of Christ's people to go out constantly and win others to the knowledge of the Saviour. And as he brought to bear his message upon his waiting auditors, with words that breathed and thoughts that burned, the minister came on to say: "Every Christian can win somebody to Christ."

When the sermon was done and the people were sent away, there tarried behind one of his humblest auditors—probably the humblest, with reference to this world's goods, for she was a poor seamstress. She tarried behind to make her plea to the preacher that his sermon was overstressed. Greatly moved she was, the preacher stated, as looking him in the face she said:

"Pastor, this is the first time that I ever heard you when you seemed to be unfair."

"Pray, wherein was I unfair?" he asked.

Then she said: "You kept crowding the truth down upon us that

every Christian could win somebody to Christ. Now, you did not make any exceptions, and surely I am an exception. Pray, tell me what could I do? I am but a poor seamstress, and I sew early and late to get enough to keep the wolf from the door for my fatherless children, and I have no education and no opportunity, and yet your statement was so sweeping that even I was included, and in that," she said, "I think you were unfair—the first time I ever knew you to be so."

And then, when she had finished her vehement protest, he looked down at her in all her agitation and said to her: "Does anybody ever come to your house?"

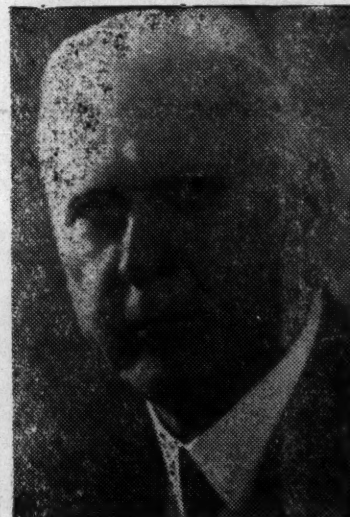
She said: "Why, certainly, a few people come there."

And then, waiting a moment, he said: "Does the milkman ever come?"

"To be sure," she said; "every morning he comes."

"Does the breadman come?"

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Dr. George W. Truett

## HOW TO MAKE OUR FACES RED!

By John R. Rice, Editor

If many thousands of you do not write for the free book, *Ten Revival Choruses*, which my brother Bill and I have prepared for you and which THE SWORD OF THE LORD is offering free to anybody who requests it, our faces will certainly be red! How we worked to make that chorus book beautiful

and heart-warming. First, I picked eight revival choruses of my own. They include, "Souls Are Dying," sung at several of the Sword of the Lord Conferences on Soul Winning, and heart-warming; then, "Come, Holy Spirit," an earnest plea for the fullness and soul-winning power of God, a little chorus which has been a blessing to many; and "Jesus Loves Me," a children's chorus never before published; "We Will Never Say Good-By in Glory," published before by Al Smith in *Singspiration Number Two*; "Oh, Thou Word of God!"; "All My Heart's Love," a tender consecration chorus; "The Price of Revival," and "Jesus Is a Man of Sorrows." These words and music mirror my own deepest spiritual devotion and heart-cry, and many tell me that the words and music are deeply helpful. I want you to have them.

And then Brother Bill gave his popular chorus, "Sing As You Ride," a lilting, Christian cowboy song which pictures Christ riding beside the Christian in the round-up of life, never failing, never leav-

ing. This chorus has proven very, very popular in Bill's meetings. Then Bill's little invitation chorus, "Don't Go Away Without Jesus," which has been used of God to win many souls.

I say, Bill and I offered these revival choruses, thinking you would want them.

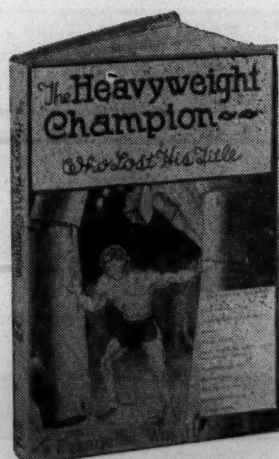
They are here—both words and music—with full harmony. Harry Dixon Loes, famous Christian song writer of Moody Bible Institute, went over the music of my choruses, carefully editing them.

Then we wrote a page of tender comments and illustrations opposite each chorus, stories of incidents connected with the song.

Then, Mrs. Jorgensen of the book production department, Mrs. Handford, the editor's daughter and secretary to her husband, the manager, and I, worked to turn out a beautiful booklet. The cover is in deepest maroon, printed in goldenrod yellow. No black and white picture can show the beauty

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## FREE — During Letter Month



FREE, this \$1.50 book of eleven sermons by Evangelist Bill Rice, clothbound, with every \$5 retail order during letter month. Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.



## Choice Letter Month Letters

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with less than 12 active members, we took up our work here last June. In those months we have seen more than 20 souls saved and the membership has grown to 37. A deeper work of the Holy Spirit as the result of the reading of *The Power of Pentecost* is responsible, I am certain, for the victories won."

L. E. MUSTAIN  
Griggsville, Illinois

### Substitute for Comic Book

"We are happy to know that each week trustworthy, true-to-the-Bible sermons arrive in THE SWORD, and are being used so widely to strengthen Christians and convert the sinners.

"Recently, we subscribed for a neighbor. One of their unsaved relatives sent a child over to request some comic books for to read! Our neighbor did not have a supply of comic books, but she did send some copies of THE SWORD. Perhaps that was why the mother started going to church the following week!"

(MRS.) KENNETH A. CHAPMAN  
West Plains, Mo.

### She Procrastinated Two Years

"I can't begin to tell you all the blessings THE SWORD has brought to people I know. Praise the Lord for it. May He bless this work mightily.

"Recently a woman I know was saved through the tract, *What Must I Do to be Saved*. I gave it to her son about two years ago. She scoffed and mocked at the Lord at that time. Recently, in much trouble, she read that tract and turned to Jesus. Praise His Name! Now I want her to have THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

"I'm so thankful to the Christian man and woman who first sent it to us."

(MRS.) JOHN FREMLING  
Brainerd, Minn.

### Testimony of One Family

"For Letter Month I would like to tell you what a sample copy of THE SWORD has done. In 1945, I received a copy of this paper at the very time I was seeking good Christian literature. The result: I immediately subscribed for it and read each weekly paper from cover to cover which naturally brought me in closer fellowship with my Lord and increased my desire to see others saved.

"Through this paper I joined the Sword Book Club and am happy to say our home has all of John Rice's books and many others recommended by the Club, which have all been read and studied.

"It was through this paper that we learned of the Sword Confer-

ences and attended our first conference in 1946. Only the Lord can reveal the results. It was the first time we ever experienced anything like a spiritual revival in our hearts and where we found and talked to other Christians with desires as ours. It was the nearest thing of our idea of heaven on earth.

"Since that time my husband has entered the ministry and is serving in that capacity, at the same time finishing his education to be ordained. THE SWORD, and attending these conferences, have given my husband much boldness to preach against sin and to stand firm telling forth the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. These are a few of the results to our immediate family."

(MRS.) I. S. THOMPSON  
Greensburg, Pa.

### Found Freedom Behind Bars

"I am writing to you in my behalf in telling you how I came to know the Lord as my personal Saviour. I receive your paper regularly and it really keeps me working for the Lord all the time.

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I have found the Lord through your paper and through some friends at home. Before I found the Lord I know I was a sinner and at the time I didn't care, because I thought I was all right as I was. I was in and out of jails for a number of years and really thought I was big and smart. And then last year I was in a church and I sat and listened to what the preacher was really saying and something inside of me said, "This is the thing that you have really been looking for," and I got up there and took the Lord as my personal Saviour. The minister gave me one of your papers and I read it and really believed in it. Ever since then I have really worked for the Lord and hope to enter college when I leave here next year.

"I really want to say that ever since I have been a new fellow and there is a song in my heart. All my people and my friends were really glad to hear about my decision to study for the ministry. I want to thank your paper for really helping me and I enjoy it very much."

NAME WITHELD  
Lewisburg, Pa.

(The Protestant chaplain at this penitentiary appended a note which read: "My own observations lead me to believe that he is very sincere in his efforts in leading a Christian life and very grateful for your very kind interest in him." Ed.)

### Collector Gets "In Step"

"I have been a reader of your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, for just one year past, and to get in step with your unique idea of having a letter month at this time for subscribers to write, I want to tell you that I have gained much knowledge, comfort and pleasure from the paper.

"In the past year I have also purchased twenty-two of your publications which I have diligently read, and I wouldn't part with that collection of books and booklets for they have also afforded me a great deal of knowledge and comfort."

THOMAS J. SAWYER  
Roanoke, Va.

### Couple Needs Two Copies

"I sometimes think we will need to have two copies weekly. When the postman brings the weekly paper there is a question who will have it first, my wife or I. It is my custom to read with a red pencil in my hand and I mark items that interest me. My wife does not want what she is to read to be marked so you perhaps can see why we should have two issues each week as it is hard for me to wait for her to read before I begin to read and mark with red pencil. I am a retired Baptist minister past my eighty-first birthday and my wife is past seventy and has had a notable career as a Registered Nurse. We live very quietly and rejoice together as we read the wonderful sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

(REV.) WILLIS E. PETTIBONE  
Tacoma, Wash.

## How To Make Our Faces Red!

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of the beautifully colored book. There are pictures of me and Bill, with brief comments, a table of contents; and all the book itself is printed in blue ink with lovely decorations. Besides having words and music of attractive revival choruses blessed of God to many hearts which you cannot get in print anywhere else in the world, it is a lovely souvenir from Sword of the Lord Publishers and of the editor and assistant editor—the Rice Brothers.

I was a little timid about offering the chorus book, but other workers here in the office felt it would be remarkably popular. I think it will be when people see it, look it over, sing the choruses. But our faces will certainly be red if thousands of you do not hurry and write. Won't you write at once and get your copy of *Ten Revival Choruses*? It is free for the asking. But please ask for only one copy free. Others may be bought at the regular price, 15 cents each.

### Both Obligation and Privilege to Write

Christians ought to develop a fine sense of Christian courtesy that will make them say "Thank you" for blessings received and make them support any faithful

## My Story

By Fairy Shappard

If I were a story-teller (and I've often wished I were) I'd tell you a story—the thrilling story of the wonderful and vital part letters have played in the life and ministry of Dr. Rice.

For fifteen years I've watched them come, and for fifteen years I've watched him as he read them, never tiring of them, never treating one lightly, but always wanting more. You see, they are his only touch with so many thousands of you he longs to bless.

And what letters they have been! Some have told of blessings received. Some have brought the exact amount of money prayed for that day. Others have told of souls saved. How often I have heard him say, "Praise the Lord!" as he read them, or laugh aloud for joy. Sometimes tears of sympathy trickle down his cheeks. But what a stream of blessing and comfort they have brought him! How they have comforted his heart and encouraged him to keep on in spite of difficulties!

This is "Letter Month." Has your letter to him been written yet? If not, sit down and do it today—NOW! Have you a burden? Share it. Has a loved one been saved? Tell the good news! Has a blessing been received or help been given? Then express your gratitude.

"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on;  
'Twas not giv'n for thee alone,  
Pass it on;  
Let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
'Till in Heav'n the deed appears—  
Pass it on!"

Christian minister, institution or publication which is consistently true to God and unselfishly helpful. We who edit THE SWORD OF THE LORD have a right to expect the loving cooperation of all who appreciate the work we are doing. If you are for revival, for the verbally inspired Bible, for straight-out Bible preaching, then you are honor-bound, as a duty to Christ, to be loyal to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And if you have received blessings from the paper, you ought to write and say so. Won't you do so today? We have proven long ago that readers love and cherish THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We need the encouragement of your letters. We need your suggestions, your comments. We must have your support in our manifold efforts to get out the gospel.

I am out in revival campaign, but every day there comes a report from the office of the number of letters received, number of requests for the chorus booklet, number of book orders, number of subscriptions, etc. I must leave many of the detailed affairs of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to my devoted Christian helpers and partners in this great enterprise, but I long every day for your letters. And THE SWORD OF THE LORD cannot do its great work without your cooperation in sending subscriptions, book orders, etc.

Mr. Charles T. Lampman, the gifted, experienced and devoted Christian writer who has come to help us as managing editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, is a wonderful addition to our force. I want thirty thousand of you readers to write us an encouraging letter commending this man of God who is devoting his life to helping us get out the gospel. I believe that you will stand by him and by me, and by all our faithful helpers in making Letter Month a glorious success.

Ask for the beautiful 24-page booklet, *Ten Revival Choruses*. It is free for the asking to anybody who writes a letter or card and asks for it. A new catalog of all Sword-of-the-Lord publications will be sent free also.

The booklet, *How Great Soul Winners Were Filled With the Holy Spirit*, will be sent free with every \$1 retail order. So if possible send along a subscrip-

tion or order a book or plaque.

Evangelist Bill Rice's brand-new book of eleven revival sermons, *The Heavyweight Champion Who lost His Title*, will be sent free with every \$5 retail order (it is clothbound, has striking jacket, sells for \$1.50, but you get it free with a \$5 order).

Do not forget that *Is Jesus God?* and *The Ruin of a Christian*, each of them large clothbound books of over 200 pages each and regularly selling for \$2 each, may both be had for only \$3 during letter month.

And for every Letter Month letter published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, we will give a \$2 credit slip, which applies as cash on anything we sell.

You will make a mistake not to write us during Letter Month! Rejoice our hearts and take advantage of our offers by writing today. Address, Sword of the Lord, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Others will like the rustic cabins and comfortable cots, the "camping out" atmosphere, with modern plumbing and bath near each cabin or dormitory, and with splendid meals, swimming pool and outdoor tabernacle, at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Some will like to come to Cedar Lake, Indiana, where they may enjoy the summer resort atmosphere, with boating and sailing on the lovely lake; golf course, shuffleboard and tennis, but in a fine Christian atmosphere and at the same time be within forty miles of the great city of Chicago, on Lake Michigan.

Others will be equally charmed by Arrowhead, New York.

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At Lake Arrowhead adults may have bed and board for an entire week for only \$12; juniors and younger children for less.

At Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, meals are \$2 a day, served in the hotel dining room with varying prices for dormitory accommodations, rooms in the "Lodge" and in the lovely steel hotel.

At Cedar Lake you may rent a cottage for your family at a very moderate price for a week and cook your own meals, as at home. Or you may rent accommodations all the way from tent cottages at 75c a night, with hotel rooms at \$2 a night, or with lesser rates. Meals in the conference dining hall are moderate and you can save money by buying a meal ticket. Full details are given in the conference circular being prepared.

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Write for circular with full details of program, speakers, expenses at any of these conferences. Address, Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Lake Louise  
Toccoa, Georgia  
July 10-16

Cedar Lake, Indiana  
(Near Chicago)  
July 16-23

Siloam Springs, Arkansas  
(Baptist State Assembly Ground,  
Near Okla.-Mo. Border)  
August 6-11

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Wheaton, Illinois

We will also try to furnish free beds (not meals, nor transportation) to ministers, ministerial students or missionaries who could not otherwise come.

Be sure to write today for folder describing the conference in which you are interested.

The rain kept coming. Then the floodtides began to rise and float the old ark. That frantic crowd beat upon the door, trying to get in. But they could not. They fled to the highest hills and mountaintops and hoped that there they would be saved, but the waters came relentlessly up, up, up, above the hilltops, above the mountaintops, until every creature on the face of this earth in which there was the breath of life, drowned. Even today the face of the earth bears witness to the cataclysm of that terrible flood. Fossil fish, sea shells and such things have been found on highest mountains. How can you get the carcasses of beasts that only live in the sea up on top of the mountains? When the flood waters receded they were deposited there. There isn't any doubt about the flood. Scientists have proved it. Noah was saved, but what happened to the crowd? Noah is alive with the Lord today, but where are the mockers? They are in Hell. Who was a fool? It certainly was not Noah.

### Moses Seemed Foolish to Give up a Palace and Riches

Then you remember Moses. Moses one day walked out of the magnificent palace of Pharaoh in Egypt and said to his friends, 'I've found God. I'm leaving all this mess and going with the people of God.' He took off his rich garments and put on the humble garb of those oppressed people, the Israelites, who were in bondage to the Egyptians. He cast his lot with that crowd of slaves. All of his friends said, 'You are a big fool, Moses! Here you could be the prime minister of Egypt! Here you are, the most learned man in Egypt. You are the captain of the armies of Egypt. You are in the palace with all the treasures of Egypt and all the learning of Egypt' at your feet, and you are going out to cast your lot with a bunch of slaves! You are a big fool! That is what they called Moses. (And human nature has not changed.) But Moses "chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season... for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." He looked toward a day in the future when to walk with God and know God will be worth more than all the treasures of Egypt or all the treasures of the world. Where are the treasures of Egypt today? Gone! Where is Moses today? In Glory!

One day Jesus took Peter, James and John to the Mount of Transfiguration. There appeared Moses and Elijah. Moses is in Glory. God was at Moses' deathbed. God spoke to Moses face-to-face as a man speaketh with his friend, and kissed him to sleep on Mount Nebo. Who was the fool? You do not read about God's speaking face-to-face with any of that other crowd in Egypt, do you? Where is that Egyptian crowd today? They are lost souls, in Hell! Where is Moses today? He is in Glory. Who was the fool!

### Paul Appeared to Be a Fool to Give Up Everything For Christ

A long time ago there was a man called the Apostle Paul. They called him a fool, too. Think about Paul for a minute. He was a religious man. He was circumcised the eighth day. He was of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; touching the law a Pharisee; learned, cultured; a brilliant, zealous man—as religious as a man could be. He threw it all away and said, 'I count it but loss for Christ. I'll take Christ and fling all these worldly privileges and advantages completely to the winds and plunge in with a bunch of hated Christians whom the Roman Empire despised and called fool.' They were finally driven down into the catacombs, to the underground dungeons and burial grounds, and wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, tormented and persecuted. But God says the world is not worthy of them! Do you think Paul was a fool?

He traveled all over the Roman Empire. He was beaten at Philippi, laughed out of Athens, stoned almost to death at Lystra, if not to death; suffered two years in

prison at Caesarea and was finally beheaded. Oh, what a fool was Paul!

Wait a minute! Let's think about Paul in Glory! Let's see him yonder with his Lord whom he served so faithfully and well. Where is the rest of the crowd that mocked at Paul? Paul was willing to be a fool in this world. And that day when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ and the rewards are given out the Apostle Paul will shine as the stars because he gave everything he had to the Lord Jesus. He said, 'If we suffer with him, we will reign with him.' Paul suffered; now he is going to reign. And the godless crowd will be burning in Hell while the Apostle Paul will be shouting the praises of God for eternity. Who was the fool? Paul? Or the crowd that called him a fool? They said, 'You are mad, Paul. Your much learning has turned you into madness. You are crazy.' Eternity will reveal who was crazy. The deathbed will reveal it as we go out to meet God.

### Abraham Followed God By Faith and Was Thought a Fool

Then there was Abraham. One day Abraham said to the people of Ur of the Chaldees, his old home town, 'I'm going away from here. The true and living God has spoken to me and told me to go out and follow Him, and I'm going out and follow Him.'

The people said, 'Where are you going?'

He replied, 'I don't know where I'm going, but God told me to go and I'm going.' They shook their heads and said, 'Abraham is crazy.'

When he went through Damascus they showed him the real estate and he said, 'No, I don't want Damascus. I'm looking for a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God, eternal in the heavens.'

They said, 'What a fool is Abraham! He is talking about another world. He is talking about another country and another city not of this earth.' And they called him a fool. Where is Abraham now?

In the sixth chapter of Luke we read of the rich man (who called people fools) dying and going to Hell. But Abraham was on the right side of the gulf. And I tell you, when I come to the end of the way, I do not want to be on the Hell side of the gulf. I want to be on the Heaven side of the gulf. God loved Abraham so much He called that place where the redeemed rest, Abraham's bosom. Abraham is shining as the stars (he was called the friend of God) while that other crowd is yonder in Hell.

### But the Real Fool Is the One Who Dies Without Christ

Who is the fool? Listen, I have been called a fool. But I am willing to be a fool for Christ's sake. One of these days I am going to see Him and be with Him, the Lord whom we have loved, trusted and followed—be with Him forever! Thank God, there will be some precious "fools" up there whom we have had the joy of leading to Christ!

Who is going to be the fool on the judgment day? In Revelation 6 we read that when the great earthquake comes and the stars of the heavens fall and the powers of the heavens are shaken and God Almighty rolls back the heavens as a scroll and they look into the face of God, they will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, "for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:16, 17). Who will be a fool in that day? Who will be a fool?

A man who was bleeding from a ruptured blood vessel said to me one time, "I don't need the Lord, I need a doctor." But a few hours later, bleeding almost to death, he cried out for a preacher. Oh, don't be a fool!

A young man said to me years ago, "I can go to church when I can't go anywhere else." That man now, broken in body, is facing eternity.

Trust the Lord, friends. Don't play the fool!

## Who Will Be The Fool?

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day you are going to find that the foolishness was not on the side of the people of God but on your own side.

In I Corinthians 2:14 we read: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." There is an explanation why there are people who call Christians "fools," and count preaching the gospel and everything attending it foolishness. Here we read the reason. They are natural men. They have never been born again. They have no spiritual capacity to receive the things of God and to know God. They are as beasts. That is just exactly what the Word of God calls the unspiritual people—dumb beasts. A dog has no capability of fellowship with God, as human beings have, but when a man kills his spiritual impulse, that desire, spiritually he becomes as a beast. He is as a foolish, unreasoning beast when he does not think about God. Everybody knows there is a God and everybody knows that they should worship the living God. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

### Those Who are Spiritually Wise Appear Fools to Men

We read in I Corinthians 3:18: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." Note that it means that worldly things are the things that are foolish after all. The man who spends all his time on himself, his family, his possessions, his job in this present world, and who for-

gets God and forgets eternity and forgets spiritual things, is a fool.

Now turn to I Corinthians 4:9, 10. There Paul says, "For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were, appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle [a theatre, literally. The Greek word theatron] unto the world, and to angels, and to men." That is a wonderful statement. "We are fools for Christ's sake." Well, that is the way it goes.

I shall never forget when I was converted. A man who was supposed to be a friend of mine said mockingly, "Well, it won't last. You've just got the fever now; it will last for just a few months and then you'll be back in the same old life again." But praise God, it has gone on now for twenty years! That has been a long time! And I think it is going right on.

Mockers! God's Word speaks of mockers, those who mock at the things of God. Unbelievers! They are the ones who are going to prove themselves to be the fools. A lot of people think that we Christians are foolish. They think that going to church—going regularly Sunday morning, Sunday night, to mid-week prayer meetings and to revival meetings—is just foolishness. And the majority of people in Atlanta do not go. Fifty-two per cent of the people in Atlanta do not go to church. Just think about it! They do not go to church anywhere. They do not belong to any church. They are just godless; yet they call the rest of us fools. Some of them are educated and cultured. They would not say it with their lips, but that is in their hearts and minds. They are saying, "Those religious

folks are the biggest fools! There is nothing to it. It's just religion, that's all!" Fools for Christ's sake! Isn't it wonderful, beloved friends, that we are on the side of the Lord!

### The World Thought Noah

#### Was a Fool

Now let us notice for a minute who the fools were in days gone by. For instance, there was Noah. One time Noah alarmed the entire country by saying, 'God is going to judge you because of your sins. He is going to send rain.' The people looked around and did not see any rain. They did not believe in a God of judgment. They mocked old Noah and called him a fool. He began to build the ark and oh, the jeers and the mockery of that godless crowd! "Noah is crazy!" They said. I have heard them say I was crazy. They said Paul was crazy. They said Jesus was crazy, at the first.

So they said that about Noah. They thought he had gone foolish over religion. But Noah went right on building the ark. Noah went right on preaching to the people. He went right on preaching to them because he loved them. He knew the truth, he knew God had spoken to him, and he spoke earnestly to them. They kept on laughing and mocking. Finally they just left the poor old man alone. If you persist, they will leave you alone, friends.

That is what I have found out. I got most of my persecution the first year. I am still getting persecution, but most of it is not coming to my ears. I have been called foolish, crazy and almost everything under the sun. People converted in my meetings have told me, "Preacher, I used to curse you when you were on the radio; but now, thank God, I'm saved!" Well, they were awakened before it was too late.

Noah was thought to be crazy, was thought to be an old fogey; but one day it began to rain. Noah and his family were shut in the ark, and the rain kept coming. The fountains of the deep were opened up, and God Almighty sent down the deluge just as He had told this faithful man who walked with Him. He had not been able to tell them. They would not walk with Him. They were not close enough to Him. But Noah was, and God told Noah. And Noah told them, but they would not pay any attention to him.

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## Getting The Right Girl

By Evangelist John R. Rice

[Third in a Series of Radio Messages on the Home]

Turn with me to Genesis, chapter 24. I do not have time to read that long chapter of some sixty odd verses which tells the story of Isaac and Rebekah. You will remember that, not counting Ishmael, Isaac was the only son of the promise to Abraham.

Old Abraham said now to one of his servants, 'I want you to go and get a bride for my son Isaac.' Isaac was about forty years old. Isaac didn't pick up some girl, go out with her to dances, or neck, or get infatuated and run off to the justice of the peace with this girl and get married. No, he didn't. He and his father talked this matter over and Abraham said, 'There is just one kind of a girl for God's man, my son. She must be of good blood. And since God wants us to found a new nation from which will come the Messiah, she must be of our own kinpeople. She must be godly and pure and good. I'll send Eliezer, the head servant, back to the old country from whence we came, and there we will find the right girl for you.'

So he had Eliezer make a vow. In Genesis 24, beginning with verse 3, he said to this servant, 'I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.'

'Well,' the servant said, 'how do I know the girl will come? If I get the right girl, how will I know?'

Abraham said, 'We will pray about that and if she won't come, I'll release you from this oath. But God will help us.'

So Eliezer took his journey with a number of camels. He had earrings, bracelets of gold and other fine things as a gift for this bride he would find. He finally came to a suitable place, and there prayed, saying, 'Oh, Lord, let the right girl come; when these girls come to water their flocks or come to draw water, let the right girl offer to draw water for me and for my camels.'

And sure enough, here was a beautiful, charming girl who said to the stranger—this distinguished looking man who was just a servant but the head of all Abraham's servants—'Won't you have a drink of water? And I'll draw water for your camels also.' He said, 'That's the one.' And it turned out she was of the household of Laban, sister of Sarah, and so she was akin to Abraham. It was the right girl.

And God put it on her heart to go and marry Isaac, and they lived happily, though she had never met him before.

How strange! First of all, notice in this story how they married. Read that whole chapter, Genesis chapter 24, which tells of this wonderful love story and marriage story. When you read it, you will find several remarkable things.

### Take the Choosing of a Mate Seriously

One thing is that Abraham was determined, and we may be sure that Isaac, a forty-year-old man, was likewise determined, 'She must be the right girl.' You know, it is a very sensible thing to take this seriously.

I had a letter yesterday from a fellow who said, 'I am nearly nineteen; my girl and I plan to be married right away. What do you think of it? Do you think that I am too young?'

I wrote back: 'Yes, you are too young and marriage is too serious. You are not even old enough to vote. You don't have any trade. You haven't finished your education. You've met this girl and you say you love her. Maybe you do. But if it is true love it will stand the test of time and she will wait for you. If it doesn't stand the test of time, then that is all the more proof that you had no right to marry anyway.' I said, 'By all means do not so hastily enter into marriage, but get ready. Get ready to make a living. Finish your education, learn your job or whatever you are going to do. And then you will be fit to be the

head of a home later. Take time for God to show you what is right about a home.'

Now, with that in mind, Isaac and Abraham wanted the right girl. She must be of a good family. Somebody may say, 'Well, I know that the family of the girl I love is nothing much.' But remember that when you marry a girl you marry her mother, and you marry her father, and you marry her brothers. And whether you believe it or not, when she is a little older she will look like her mother and act like her mother. And she is going to keep on loving her family and trying to do the way they do and pattern after them. And whether you like it or not, they are going to be gathered around much of the time in your home. And your home will be a miserable wreck if you marry into a family with whom you can't get along. When you go to marry you had better marry the right kind of girl, from the right kind of family.

### Seek a Godly Mate

But far more important than that, Abraham said, 'I'm not going to have my boy marry one of these Canaanite girls, one of these heathen girls who are idolaters, who do not know God. I'll not let my boy marry into that kind of a family.' And Isaac said, 'I'll not marry a heathen, ungodly girl.'

I grew up in West Texas. There were many fine people in that cow country in West Texas. But on the other hand there were many who were rough and drunken and profane. How I thank God He kept me for a Christian girl who loved God! And so it is very foolish and very wicked for one to marry without the blessing of God.

### A Mate Should Be Given in Answer to Prayer

And then another thing, they prayed about it. Oh, this old servant did well when he stopped and prayed, 'O Lord, I don't know how to pick out the right girl. You must help me, Lord. Send the right girl.' And I know that Abraham prayed. And of course, I am sure that Isaac prayed. And God answered their prayers. Not only did they get the right girl, but she was ready to go, willing to go. Blessed is the marriage that is founded in prayer.

Once at Bob Jones University I went and sat in their parlor at commencement time. They have very strict standards down there. Young people are supposed to be decent and clean, and there is no necking, or petting, or other kinds of promiscuous and wicked lewdness that is so common among church people in many places. I saw a young couple who loved one another. I saw them as they sat and talked. They were parting. They would not see each other for many months. I saw them bow their heads together in earnest prayer. One prayed and then the other prayed there in the dating parlor, and they gave themselves to each other and to God with this in mind—that God would watch between them. Blessed is the marriage that is bound in prayer! Blessed are those whose courtship is blessed in prayer! Don't marry without God. Don't marry without taking time to pray. Don't marry without knowing that the hand of God is in it. So it was with these.

### Sex Love an Inadequate Basis for Marriage

Notice this striking thing. Abraham and Isaac did not believe, and you and I had better not believe, that marriage is principally a matter of sexual love, of sex attraction. Now it is true that the Bible says, 'Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.' But the Scripture doesn't say, 'Young man, love your sweetheart, love the girl whom you are going to marry.' No, 'Husbands, love your wives.' In other words, love

is important in marriage, particularly after marriage. But oh, let no one believe that love in the usual sense is enough. Do you believe that all these 471,000 marriages that went on the rocks in 1947 in America, nearly a half million marriages broken by divorce in one year, in 1947, in America—do you believe those young husbands and wives did not once love one another? Do you believe that their hearts didn't leap when the one came into the presence of the other? Do you believe that they didn't look into each other's eyes and make holy promises? Do you believe that when they touched one another's hands there was not a thrill? Do you believe that they didn't have high aspirations and dreams? Do you believe that they didn't say, 'Well, I'll never love anyone else like you'? Why, they had love, but love is not enough. Love—I mean that love based on sex, I mean the love that is infatuation, that is natural between an attractive woman and a manly man—that love is not enough.

Oh, yes, we want love. I think young people should wait for love, but oh, do not crowd love. People say, 'Well, I fell in love.' No, a lot of you didn't. You just climbed in. You ran love down. And with all the necking and petting and the touching of one another's body and sex stimulation that is so prevalent today among young people, it isn't true love in any Bible sense, but often is no more than the attraction of animals. It is often no more than the mating of barnyard beasts. It is often no more than the most unholy kind of attraction when people come together. I say that love is good. But

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when it is only sex stimulation, it won't last. The fires after awhile die down, then a man will need some other fresh form and face to stir his passions. As long as it is on sex appeal only, marriage has the poorest possible basis for success and happiness. That won't do.

Oh, it is all right to love one another, and one should, but the truest basis for marriage is on character. You know a man can love a woman who is what she ought to be, and a woman can love the man who is what he ought to be. So find the right man, the right woman, who has the same ideals, who loves God, the one whom you can pray with, the one whom you can trust when you are old and gray and when sex appeal is gone, the kind of love that can still be holy and beautiful and blessed of God when it is not altogether the infatuation of the hot

blood of youth. I say then, let us draw near to God and ask God to help us choose on character, and choose on moral and spiritual fitness.

Oh, to picture the girl who loves children, who obeys her mother and father, who has convictions, who is a good Christian, who knows how to pray. She is loyal and will keep her contract. She will keep her promises and her husband can safely trust her! I say, character is the only solid basis for happy marriage. And where love goes with character, where love goes with holy promises and vows, where love goes with steadfastness and reliability and dependability, then you can depend upon God to help you to have a happy marriage.

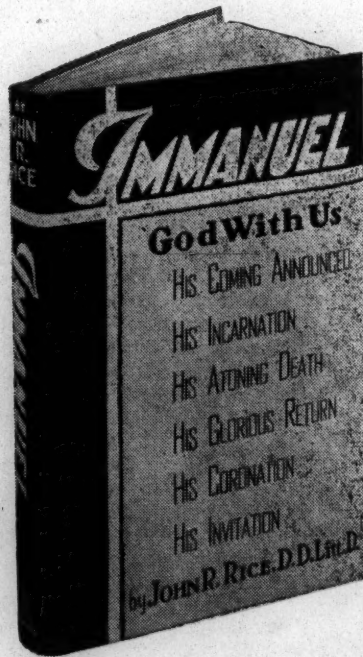
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## A Quest For Souls

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"Every day he comes."  
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Then, waiting a moment for his questions to have their due effect, looking down earnestly at her, he said: "A word to the wise is sufficient," and he turned upon his heel, abruptly leaving her.

She went her way. Nightfall came and she went to her bed to ponder late and long the searching message she had heard that morning. Why, she had not even tried to win anybody to Christ. She had never made the effort. She claimed to be Christ's friend, and yet had never opened her

lips for Him at all. She will try, and she will begin with her first opportunity tomorrow, even with the coming of the milkman.

Accordingly she was up before the daylight came, there waiting, if haply she might speak to him some word concerning personal religion. When he greeted her, he made the remark that he had never seen her up quite so early before. She stammered out some embarrassing reply, not saying what she came to say. And now he had left her, and the gate clicked behind him as he left. Then she summoned her strength and called him back.

"Wait a minute," she pleaded, "I did have something to say to you."

And when he tarried to hear it, she poured out her heart to him in the query: "Do you know Christ? Are you a Christian? Are you the friend and follower of the glorious Saviour who came down from Heaven and died, that you might not forever die?"

Fairly dropping his milk pails, he looked into her face with anguish in his own, as he said to her: "Little woman, what on earth provoked you to talk to me like this? Here for two nights, madam, I have been unable to sleep, and the burden of it all is that I am not a Christian, and I am in the darkness. If you know

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how to find the light, you are the one whom I need, and you should tell me."

And there, in a few brief minutes of conversation, she told him how she had found the light, and he walked in that simple path that she indicated for him. And Dr. Gifford goes on to tell us that before that year was out, that same little seamstress had won seven adults to Christ, not only to the open confession of Christ as their Saviour, but to take their places promptly in His church.

You can win somebody to Christ. Have you tried? Will you try? Won't you try, looking to God to guide and help you?

An Ordinary, Everyday Man

The text tells of a man who won somebody to Christ. The case of an ordinary man is this, and therefore he is chosen, for we are just ordinary people. This man Andrew is not Paul, the outstanding Christian of the centuries. He is not Apollos, that eloquent, winsome man who could compel people to listen to him, his words were so entrancing. He is just an ordinary, everyday, commonplace man. The Bible makes only three or four passing references to him. This man is the illustration we are to have tonight of the one person going out to win some other person to Christ. Let us fix our eyes upon him tonight, and learn from the story something to help us.

Andrew here stands forth as one who has just found the Saviour. How will he act? Two things stand out in response to that question—how will he act?

First of all, Andrew is immediately interested that somebody else may be saved. Don't you like that? Isn't that a wonderful example for us? Immediately, this man Andrew is concerned that somebody else may be saved. Oh, there are different evidences, my friends, indicated in these holy Scriptures, whereby we may pass upon this eternally consequential question,

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Oh, I am so anxious, my fellow Christians, that we shall give ourselves during these midsummer days, in this brief meeting, like we ought, to the right kind of religious visiting. I believe—I wonder if you people believe it with me—that every night we come here every Christian listening to me now can by the right sort of effort bring at least one with you to every night service who is not a Christian.

What if you were to do that? Remember: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." What if every Christian listening to me now highly resolved in his or her heart: "As for me, I will do my best to bring at least one with me every night who is not a Christian." Oh, I pray you, pass nobody by. Go after the tallest man in this fair city. Jesus needs him, and surely that man's supreme need is Jesus. Go after the most gifted woman socially in all the city. How the Master needs her, and how she needs Him! Go after the poorest and wretchedest. Jesus would have you pass nobody by.

Now, I raise the question with you again, my fellow Christian. Will you not give yourself for an hour tomorrow, to the right kind of religious visiting? There is some duty-neglecting Christian you ought to see. There is some backslidden Christian whom you ought to confer with. And, above all, there is somebody whom you ought to talk with who is not a Christian at all. Oh, what an incongruity for a Christian to go his way dumb in the presence of those not Christians! Couldn't you give an hour tomorrow to this greatest quest of all? And if it could not be an hour, couldn't it be an half an hour? And if it could not be half an hour, couldn't

it be five minutes? And if it could not be five minutes, couldn't you take one minute to ask some person face to face: "Is it well with your soul?" Be not afraid. Do your best, and God will be with you.

You are ready now, I trust, quietly and reverently, to listen for some moments to the reading of the holy Scriptures. I am reading from John's Gospel, in the first chapter:

"Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus."

Just one sentence, and that led them to follow Jesus, and you can speak that sentence.

"Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye?"

What are you men up to? Oh, how candid is the good Master, Jesus! He never misleads. He never deceives. How candid is Jesus! What seek ye? What are you men up to? Why do you follow me?

"They said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master), where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see."

That is what He always says. That is Christ's standing challenge to mankind—come and see!

"They came and saw where He dwelt, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus."

whether or not we have been born again. It may be that at one of these services we will group these Scriptural evidences and focus them upon this question: "Have I been born again, and what are the Scriptural evidences that I have been born again?" Certainly we might not be able to have a more interesting or profitable study. But whether we shall give ourselves or not to such service, here stands out for us one shining fact, like a mountain peak: If one is born again, that one is concerned that somebody else may be saved. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

And the Spirit of Christ is the spirit of compassionate anxiety that lost people may be saved. Now, Andrew evinces his concern, straightway after he finds the Messiah, that somebody else may find that same blessed, forgiving Saviour.

Years ago, I was preaching in a series of daily meetings like these, and one Sunday morning when I made the call for those who would confess Christ to come forward and remain, there came a group down the aisles, and a number waited to be received into the church. When I came to question them about their coming into the church, I came presently to an humble German girl, a servant in one of the families. She was not long from the old country, and her English was barely intelligible, as we listened to it, and I said to her: "My child, why do you wish to join the church?"

In her broken English, she made her reply to my question, and her English was so bad that it was well-nigh impossible for us to understand just what she was saying.

Then I said to her: "My child, if you won't mind, I will ask you to wait a week and let us talk with

you quietly and carefully, as is the custom with all the young people who come into the church. We would be careful about this great step. The church is for those who have found Christ as their Saviour, who know the way, and too much care can hardly be exercised at that point, and I will just ask, if you don't mind, that you will wait and let us talk it over, that no mistake may be made."

She readily assented to my proposal, and I passed to the next case, and when I was questioning him, presently the child broke out in a sob audible to those in the rear of the large auditorium. All of us were immediately embarrassed. Evidently I had grieved her, and I turned back to her frankly, and said:

"Why, my child, I did not mean to grieve you by asking that you wait. That is not anything unusual. The church is doing that sort of thing here constantly. We are asking that the young people talk with the pastor and talk with the parents carefully, before they come into the church. Coming into the church is one of the greatest steps for a human soul, and it ought to be taken with much deliberation and wisdom. It was for your good, my child, and it is not anything unusual that you are asked to wait."

She said, with better English now: "Oh, sir, it is not that that makes me cry! I forgot. I cried because my brother here in this city is such a wild boy, and he is lost, and my heart is breaking. I am so concerned that he shall be saved. Won't you ask everybody here today to join me in one prayer that my poor, lost, sinful brother may be saved? That is what made me cry."

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## A Quest For Souls

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spoke up and said: "Pastor, we had better take her into the church now. She knows the way, and we need not wait another week."  
She did know the way, and there was the outflashing in that conversation, in that last moment, of her deep knowledge of a forgiving Saviour, and all that audience was swept with her tremulous appeal. They knew, every Christian there, that this woman knew the Lord, because of her heart's longing for others to be saved.

### The Religion of our Home

There was another point about this man Andrew, strikingly suggested, when he found the Saviour, and that point is that he went straight home to get his first work in for his Saviour. Now, don't you like that? He went straightway to get in his first work for the great Saviour whom he had just found, in his own home. He went after a difficult case, let me tell you. He went after his own brother, Simon. Rash and headstrong and impulsive was that man Simon, and yet plain Andrew, a weakling compared with Simon, went after that big, strong brother, nor did he cease until he had brought him to Christ.

Oh, if the limits of this hour allowed, I should like, my brothers, to pour out my heart in a plea for home religion. There is an old saying that comes to mind just here: "The shoemaker's wife is the worst shod person in the village." Oh, if I might pour out my heart for a moment in a plea that our homes be ordered like they ought to be in the realm of religion!

If there be one place, let me say it to the parents, where you should put your best foot forward for Christ, it should be in your families. I tell you, that is an indictment against a father if his own boy does not believe in his religion. I tell you that is an indictment against a mother if her own girl does not believe: "My mother is the best Christian in all the world." Oh, that our religion in our homes shall be outshining and congruous and consistent, even after the highest and most heavenly fashion!

The accent, in my humble judgment, that most of all needs to be pronounced this night, throughout this whole country, from border to border, is an accent on the religion of our homes. As goes the home, so shall go everything in the social order. The citadel, both for church and for state, is the home. If we shall have the right kind of homes, then shall everything in the social order be conserved and saved, but if our homes shall be beaten down and unraveled and frazzled out by every superficial and foolish thing—God save the mark!—the nation is doomed and the land shall be lost.

I wonder what your answer would be, as I look into the faces of Christian parents now, and ask you this simple question: Do you have family prayer at your house? Why don't you have it? You might have measured off to you one round thousand years in which to get up your reasons why a Christian parent should not have family prayer in his house, and when the thousand years had passed, you would come back without the semblance of even one reason. Oh, men and women who love Christ, with your children growing about

you, or already fairly grown, is it possible that human life, invested as it is with such sacred meanings and opportunities and responsibilities, shall go passing away, and the chiefest place of all to get in your witness for Christ, even under your own roof, shall be overlooked and lost! One of the most menacing signs that you can find in any community, if you are able to find it there, is the decay of family prayer in such community.

I am thinking now of two homes. To the first was I summoned one morning to the burial of their only child. She was a beautiful girl of some fifteen summers. They were not members of my congregation, but of another; but their minister was absent, and, therefore, was I summoned to conduct the funeral.

I came to the splendid looking home, and a vast concourse of people were in and about the house. I asked that I might see the family, and I was taken down the long hall and into the quiet room where the brokenhearted parents sat, and as tactfully as I could, I began to find my way to an apprehension of the situation, that I might the better speak in the funeral service to be had a few moments later. I found in response to questioning, presently, that both of these parents were professed Christians, and then I ventured to tell them that earth had no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal, and that they must refuse to turn aside into the abyss of despair and brokenheartedness, because they had a Saviour, and they were His friends.

By this time the mother was on her feet, and said: "Sir, I have something to tell you that has utterly broken our hearts."

I waited to hear what it was, and then she said: "That beautiful girl yonder in her casket, our only child, has been in our home these fifteen years, and yet in all these years, though her mother is a Christian, and her father is a Christian—in all these years that child never heard either one of us pray one time, sir." And then she waited a moment more, and said: "Sir, our horrible fear is that it was not well with the child, and that her blood will be on our garments."

Will you say that it was not? Oh, cruelty of cruelties, inconsistency of inconsistencies, that a child should be in a Christian home fifteen years, and never hear the voice of a parent one time lifted in prayer!

There was another home of

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which I would speak. I pleaded with the people one morning in the other years, begging them that they put first things first, and that the men who were Christians would pause at the breakfast table for a little season of prayer with the loved ones around them, or in the evening time, when the day was done, that they would gather the circle about them, and speak with the great King and Saviour in grateful acknowledgment and in continual plea for His mercies to be granted them. Numbers that morning said that they would change their ways.

One outstanding businessman, whose voice was often heard in the city, searched me out and said: "Oh, I have lived miserably far from what is consistent and right. I will turn over a new leaf tonight. Family prayer shall be at my house tonight, and every night henceforth."

I follow it just a moment more. The next morning, as I crossed the city, I saw his only son about fifteen or sixteen years of age, and as I was traveling rapidly along, the son summoned me, and when he reached me, I saw in his face that there was a deep battle of some sort going on, and I said: "What is it, my boy, that I can do for you?"

And then he looked down with face averted, and then looked up with his face covered with tears, and said: "You ought to have been at our house last night."

He said: "Oh, you should have been there. Papa prayed last night! Papa had sister and me called into the room, and papa sobbed as he told us he had not lived like a Christian father ought, and papa asked sister and me to forgive him. Neither of us could talk. We did not know what to say. Both of us cried. Papa asked mother to

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open the Bible for him, and he tried to read it, but he could not, and then papa knelt down and prayed, mostly about himself, and then he said when he got up: "Children, papa is going to live a different life from this time on." And the boy said: "I went to my room and I could not sleep."

I said: "Why couldn't you sleep, my boy?"

And then, as he leaned over on my shoulder, he said: "I found out last night that I am a sinner, and that I am lost. You do not know how I wanted to see you, that you might tell me what to do."

We turned into a little storehouse, vacant, and there, in a few words, I told the lad how it is that Jesus saves a sinner, and the lad made his simple, honest surrender, and was saved that very Monday morning.

You should have heard him the next Sunday morning, when the pastor said: "Tell us, my boy, what started you in this upward way?"

He looked across at his father, on the other side of the house, and said: "Papa's prayer last Sunday night started me in the upward way."

Oh, I know it is difficult to have family prayers, my men and wom-

en! I know it is difficult, but listen to this: Everything on this earth worthwhile costs, and you and I must not, dare not, thrust back into some little inconsequential corner in our lives the thing chiefest and commanding that God has appointed for the winning of the world to God.

### There Can be no Substitutes

There is another point for our consideration in the case of this man Andrew. Andrew's act magnifies the place and the power of personal work in the winning of lost people to Christ—the place and power of personal work—and just there are several suggestions for our consideration. There can be no substitutes for personal work. Jesus is depending on His friends to get His gospel made known to a gainsaying and unbelieving world. He is dependent on His friends. That is His own divinely-appointed method. There can be no substitutes for personal work! Life must make its impact upon life.

Now, everybody seems to understand that, I have sometimes thought, better than the church of God understands it. The businessmen understand the power of (Continued on Page 7)

## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Every school year at Bob Jones University is opened with a revival. We, of course, prefer to have students come here who are already saved, because we know it takes Christian students to make a Christian educational institution. Yet every year, some of the students who come here, some of them thinking they are saved, are really born again the first day or two of the evangelistic services. Most schools have spring holidays, and the students go home for a week along about Easter. Bob Jones University has a Bible Conference the first week of April every year. This Bible Conference is a great event in the lives of our students and faculty as well as our visitors. This is being written just after the close of one of the most remarkable Bible Conferences we have ever had. Just as the Conference closed, I received the following letter from a man and his wife from Pennsylvania who were here at the Conference with a check for \$50 enclosed:

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We have three children and I hope that I can see the day when each one of them can graduate from the university.

We have been here at the Conference and after hearing you express your standing for the things of God, I am sure it is God's will to enclose a check for the student fund to help those who will need help. May God bless you in your work.

When I read this letter, I said to myself, "If we could only get all the Christian people of this country to Bob Jones University and let them see with their own eyes, hear with their own ears, and feel with their own hearts what we have here, we would have no trouble getting a million dollars for our Student Loan Endowment Fund."

During the Bible Conference, we raised \$6,000 toward our Student Loan Endowment Fund. Six thousand dollars is a good deal of money; but when you think of a million dollars which we need, this is only a small percentage. We, however, have faith in God and enough confidence in His people to believe that the Christians who stand for the evangelical, orthodox testimony of Bob Jones University will continue to cooperate with us until we reach our goal. Remember, we are putting on a special drive until the last of May. We are asking every spiritually-minded Christian who reads our appeal to send some amount. We want to see how many people will make a contribution between now and the last week in May. Make your gift as large as possible, but make a gift of some amount. If you cannot send a large amount, do not hesitate to send a small amount. We are asking you Christian people to do something I am sure practically all of you can do and that is, send something. We want to see how many different contributions we can get between now and the last week in May. We are counting on you. I know you will not let us down. You will help Bob Jones University in its effort to help young people who have to have some assistance in order to come to the University and train for Christian work. You have helped us in the past, and we believe you will send us something between now and the last week in May. You who have not helped us, we believe you will send us something. May God bless you.

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## A Quest For Souls

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personal work. They send out their drummers up and down the land, to look into the faces of their customers, real or prospective, and explain their wares. And certainly the politicians understand the power of personal work. You let a great issue be on, city or state or national, with two virile parties each contending for supremacy, and you will observe that the champions of these parties send their spokesmen, their representatives, to look their fellowmen in the face and argue and plead and explain, if haply they may win their votes. Oh, will the church of God fail to lay to heart that the chief instrumentality human for the winning of the world to Christ is the power of personal work? There can be no substitute for personal work, none at all.

Elisha may send his servant Gehazi, with the prophet's own staff back yonder to the chamber where the dead boy lies, saying to his servant: "Put my staff on that boy and see if it won't bring him to life," and the instructions may be carried out, but the boy will remain in the cold grip of death. Elisha, the prophet, himself must go, and stretch his own body, warm and pulsing, on the cold body of that dead boy. Elisha himself must make the impact of life upon that dead body.

The Divine Master of life Himself gave an emphasis to personal work beyond anything that I can describe in my simple discourse. Jesus preached His chiefest sermon on the new birth to just one man. My fellowmen, if Jesus thought it worthwhile to have just one for His congregation, and there do His best work, surely the servant shall not be greater than His Master. And when Jesus came to preach His sermon on eternal life, He preached it yonder to a woman at the well of Samaria—a poor drab of a woman, about whose character the less said the better, and yet she had a soul that was to live forever, and when she came to that well to draw water therefrom, Jesus had His opportunity, and with words tactful and honest and faithful, He found His way to that woman's conscience, and at the right time revealed himself the forgiving Saviour to her. Jesus gave His best service for one soul.

Listen to Him yonder as He

tells the story of the shepherd leaving his ninety and nine sheep safely housed in the sheepcote. Ninety and nine of them were safe, but one was missing, and he left the ninety and nine safely housed in the sheepcote, and went out after that missing sheep, over the hills and mountains, with his feet pierced by stones and thorns, searching, looking for that one missing sheep. Nor did he give up his quest, until that sheep was found, and the shepherd brought it back and put it in the sheepcote with the others. What is Jesus saying in this pungent parable? "Oh, my church," the compassionate Saviour says, "go out and seek earnestly until that lost sheep is found!" He is saying just that.

Now, all experience and all observation confirm the point that I am seeking to make, that there can be no substitutes for personal work. How shall we save our churches? My fellow Christians, there is one sure way, and that is that our churches be great life-saving stations to point lost sinners to Christ. The supreme indictment that you can bring against a church, if you are able in truth to bring it, is that such church lacks in passion and compassion for human souls. A church is nothing better than an ethical club if its sympathies for lost souls do not overflow, and if it does not go out to seek to point lost souls to the knowledge of Jesus.

### A Practical Question

But now I come to a practical question. How may you and I win sinners to Christ, as did Andrew of old? That is entirely practical. Let us focus our thoughts for a moment on the practical question, how may you and I, like Andrew, win people to Christ?

First of all, let us magnify the Word of God and its Author, the Divine Spirit Himself. The one is our sword, and the other is our power. We are to take this Word of God and we are to deliver to the lost world about us the message of this Word of God concerning Jesus and the relation of humanity to Him. Our message is made out for us, fortunately: "Preach the preaching that I bid thee." "Preach the Word." The Word of God is to be proclaimed. The Word of God is to be avowed. The Word of God is to be declared. The Word of God is not

bound. The Word of God will take care of itself, if only it be faithfully proclaimed. You and I are to come with this Word of God, and without mincing or reservation, are to tell men everywhere that outside of Jesus Christ they are lost, and shall never meet God in peace, if they are not forgiven by this Divine Saviour. We are to declare that, and the Lord, in the power of His Spirit shall apply and shall bring to pass such results as in His wisdom and mercy He deemeth best.

Nor is that all. As we give ourselves to the task of winning souls to Christ, we are with all diligence and devotedness to seek the guidance and power of the Divine Spirit Himself at every step. He would guide and help us. You do not have to see the man tomorrow by yourself—that difficult man. The talk you are to have with him is not to be in your own strength alone. Beside you shall stand the omnific Saviour, and going with you shall be the counsel and power of His Spirit. You do not have to see that woman in your own poor, unaided wisdom. You are to do the best you can, leaning on the Arm Everlasting, and God's wisdom and God's power clothed upon from His Spirit shall accompany your simple, honest effort.

Again, if you and I are to win people to Christ, then we are to use, like Andrew did, the power of personal testimony. When Andrew found his Saviour, he said: "Brother, listen! I have found the Messiah. Let me tell you about Him." Then, with words that thrilled and burned, Andrew told his brother what he had tasted and seen and felt of—Jesus, the long-looked-for Messiah.

My fellow Christians, there is nothing else human quite so powerful as the power of an earnest personal testimony concerning Jesus' experience in your own life, as you tell somebody else what Jesus has been and consciously is to you yourself. You let some man in this audience come down this aisle and stand up and tell us: "This very day I have had definite dealings with God, and know it," and every ear is alert to catch what he says. There is no power like the power of personal testimony. You can tell that neighbor or friend how you heard Christ's voice, and how you responded, and what He said to you, and what He did, and what you have seen and experienced of His grace and love in your own little life. Tell that experience to somebody without delay.

### The Power of Personal Love

But that is not all. There is no power human like the power of personal love, as we go out to win people to Christ. Oh, do we care for the people round us who are lost? Do we really care? Of old there issued from the lips of one sorely pressed, this plaintive cry: "No man cared for my soul." Are there men and women in Fort Worth who, if we could get at what they think, would say this to us: "They have their churches and their preachers and their Christians numbering many, but nobody ever cared for my soul?" Is there somebody in this community, lost and groping like a blind man for the wall, not ready to die, not ready to live, who in truth could say to us: "I have lived these long years, but nobody ever said that he cared for my soul?" Make that impossible as these days pass. Go with your word of witnessing and pleading love, and go without delay.

There is nothing so powerful in all this world as the power of love. Everybody ought to know the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians by heart, and in its gracious spirit every one of us ought to live every day: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Do we love lost sinners? Do we care for the young men about us who are coasting the downward road? Do we care for the people whose toil is rigorous and whose lot in life is hard? Do we care for businessmen and professional men, who are side-stepping with reference to the supreme things, namely, the things of God and the soul and eternity? Do we love these people well enough to

go to them and earnestly and alone say to them: "Is it well with your soul?"

There is no power in human life like the power of love. The prayer that the psalmist of old prayed is the prayer that you and I ought to pray: "Enlarge my heart." He did not pray that his head might be enlarged. "Enlarge my heart," for out of the heart are the issues of life.

One of the most heart-moving conversions that I have ever known, I witnessed years ago in my city, during the holiday period in midwinter. There reached me the message that a little Sunday school boy in one of our mission Sunday schools had been accidentally shot by his little neighbor friend, and I hurried to the humble home as fast as I could go, and I found the unconscious little fellow in the hands of two skillful doctors, as they sought to diagnose the case.

After awhile, when they had finished their diagnosis and treatment, I asked them what of the case, and they said: "He will not live. The shot is unto death." I asked them if he would recover consciousness, and they answered that he might—that he might live two or three days, or he might not live until morning.

I went back the next day, for this first day the boy's father was in the stupor of a terrible drunk. A greathearted and kindly father he was, too, when he was sober. (Oh, the tragedy that many of these bighearted, capable men allow their lives thus to be cajoled and cheated and destroyed by some evil habit!)

I went back the next day, and the father was sobering up. He was a fine workman in a harness and saddlery establishment. He was sobering up, and the agony of his case was something pitiful to behold. He would walk the floor, and then he would pause, as the tears fell from his face, while he looked on that little suffering boy, nine or ten years of age. I sat down beside the boy and waited for awhile, and presently the child opened his eyes, and the little fellow was conscious. His eyes were intelligent. His lips moved as he spoke my name, for he had frequently heard me speak in the mission where he went to the Sunday school. I bent over him, and the father came and sobbed and laughed as he observed the consciousness that had come to his little boy.

And the father stroked the little fellow's face, and kissed him with all the affection of a mother, and said, as he laughed and cried: "My little man is better, and he will soon be well."

The little face was clouded as he feebly whispered, saying: "No, papa; I will not get well."

And then the father protested, as he said: "You will get well, and I will be a good man, and I will change my ways."

The little fellow's face was clouded, and he kept trying to say something, and I reached for the man to bend over to catch it, and this is what we did catch, after awhile: "When I am gone, papa, I want you to remember that I loved you, even if you did get drunk."

That sentence broke the father's heart. He left the room, unable to tarry any longer. A few minutes later, I found him lying prone upon his face, there upon the ground, behind the little cottage, sobbing with brokenness of heart. I got down by him and sought to comfort and help him. And he said: "Sir, after my child loves me like that, oughtn't I to straighten up and be the right kind of a man?"

I said: "I have a story ten thousand times sweeter than that to tell you. God's only begotten Son loved you well enough to come down from Heaven and die for you, Himself the just, for you the unjust, that He might bring you to God. Won't you yield your wasting, sinful life to Him, utterly and honestly, and let Him save you His own divine way?"

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Oh, my fellowmen, when everything else shall fail, "love never faileth." Do you love these lost men and women of Fort Worth? Then, I pray you, in the great Master's name, go and tell them that you care for them, and tell it before another sun shall sink to rest in the far west tomorrow evening.

Long enough have I talked, but I gather up as best I can all I should say for a final moment of appeal. Here it is: Oh, my fellow Christians, let us see to it that you and I, like Andrew, do our best to win people to Christ! What argument shall I marshal to get us to do that thing right now, and to get us to do that thing as we never did it before, and to get us to do that thing these passing days, linking our lives with God with a devotion, and giving ourselves with a humility and a personal appeal, such as we never knew before? What arguments shall I marshal to get us to do that right now? Shall I talk about duty? Then this is our first duty. And what a great word that word duty is! Robert E. Lee was right, that matchless man of the South, when he wrote to his son, saying: "Son, the great word is duty." Shall I talk about duty? My fellow Christians, your duty and mine, primal, fundamental, pre-eminent, supreme, tremendously urgent, is that we shall tell these around us that we want them saved.

Shall I talk about happiness? Oh, was there ever another happiness on this earth comparable to this—the hearing from the lips of some soul the glad confession that you had said the word to win such soul to Christ? There is no happiness on this earth comparable to that.

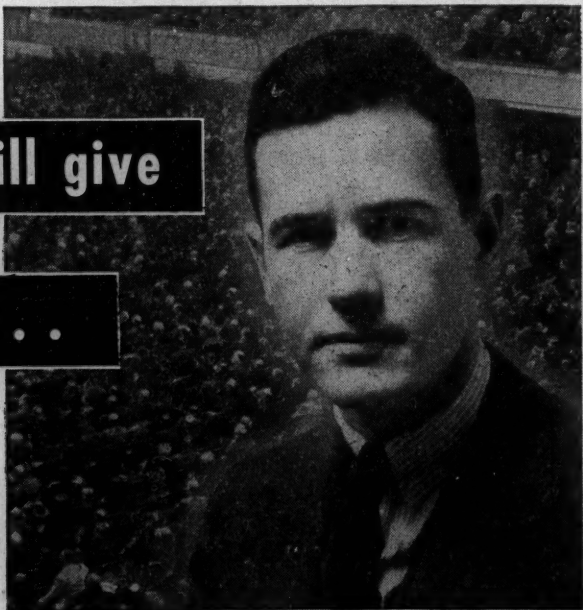
Shall I talk about responsibility? What shall I say about responsibility? Your responsibility and mine for these souls about us lost, is a responsibility big enough to stagger God's archangel. You are your brother's keeper. What if you neglect him, and he shall die in his sins? If you shall neglect him, and he shall die in his sins, when you might have won him, then it shall turn out that you are your brother's spiritual murderer. Men can be killed by neglect. Women can be killed by neglect.

A while ago there was condemned to death in England a notorious criminal, one of the hardest in all the records of crime. Minister after minister sought to get into his cell before the man's execution, to talk to such man about God and the hereafter, but he steadfastly refused to see any minister. Presently one somehow got into the cell, and began to talk with him, and the poor man, condemned to be executed tomorrow, realized that he was talking at last with a minister of the gospel, and the minister brought to bear

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## Bird Life in Wington

By Calvin Reid



Mr. Owl growls about what's wrong with the world.

### SPRING FEVER

Mr. and Mrs. Oriole have the strangest kind of spring fever. But Pastor Penguin thinks it is wonderful. He hopes it's contagious, so all the birds in Wington will catch it!

The Mallard Ducks have the spring fever too, but it is another kind. The kind they have makes them restless. They are always flying around from one place to another. There is nothing they like better, for example, than an aeroplane trip to the lake for the week-end. To them Sunday is a "holiday" rather than a holy day, so they never allow church to interfere with recreational activities such as a trip to the country, a picnic or a swimming party. That is the kind of spring fever the Mallard Ducks have.

The Owls also have the spring fever. The way it affects them is to make them lazy. Mr. and Mrs. Owl can do more sleeping in the daytime than any other two birds I know. It is rather regular with them to be up until the wee small hours on Saturday night, so of course they seldom arise early enough for church on Sunday. When they do get up, it is usually in an ill humor and with a headache from the night before. A cup of coffee helps that somewhat. The Mr. Owl settles down without shaving into a nice soft chair, with the Sunday newspaper spread out on his lap, growling about what's wrong with the world and why politics is so rotten. It never occurs to him that he might find the answer to both questions by simply looking into the mirror.

But the Orioles—shall I tell you about their spring fever? The Orioles, as you know, are very charming and have many friends. They are the blue-bloods of Wington. Their forefathers came to America on the Mayflower and they can trace their plumage as far back as 1766 to Lord Baltimore, a notable English baron whose colors were orange and black, which the Orioles wear to this day. The Orioles are very proud of their connection with royalty; so much so that they became quite angry with the church once when they received a statement from the treasurer addressed simply to the Orioles, and not to the Baltimore Orioles. But that was before they caught the spring fever. I can hardly imagine them becoming angry with the church now.

It was this way. A few evenings ago, after the little Orioles had all gone to sleep, their mother said to their daddy, "I do not think I ever saw a more beautiful spring. Everything is so new and fresh that it makes me quite ashamed of myself."

"Oh, oh," thought Mr. Oriole, "she is going to ask for a new

Easter bonnet." But he managed to ask calmly, "What do you mean, dear?"

"I mean," she said, "that I'm homesick for something we don't have. Do you realize we have been to church only two or three times since last Easter?"

"But I have been so busy," protested Mr. Oriole. "It takes all of my time hunting bugs and worms and keeping up with the stock market."

"Bugs and worms and stocks aren't everything," she reminded him. "What does it amount to if we prosper and have pretty feathers and a nice nest and royal blood in our veins, if we lose God? After all, it is He that gives us all our blessings and we seldom ever take the time to fold our wings and thank Him."

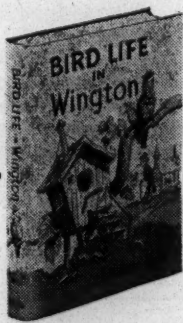
By this time Mr. Oriole was beginning to feel ashamed too. "I guess you are right," he said.

"And what about our children," continued Mrs. Oriole. "Do we want them to grow up to be like us?"

"I suppose we have been setting a very poor example," admitted Mr. Oriole.

"That is just the way I feel," said Mrs. Oriole, "and I have been thinking that now that it is spring and God is sending new life to the little seeds in the ground, to the buds on the trees and to the flowers, He could send something new into our hearts if we would only ask Him."

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## A Quest For Souls

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his mightiest appeal to that man to turn to God, even in those last waiting hours. The man was stolid and was utterly indifferent, and presently the minister said to the man: "Don't you realize that in a few hours more your life shall be taken and you shall be in another world?"

He said: "Quite well, sir, do I realize that my life will be taken, but whether there is another world or not, I do not know, and I have not any concern about that."

And then the minister urged and remonstrated and pleaded, and at last the condemned man rose up and said to him: "Sir, if I believed like you say, that a man dying without Christ is lost, and shall be lost forever—if I believed that and had your chance, I would crawl on my knees to tell the men of England, before it is too late, to repent of their sins and turn to God."

Oh, do we believe it, that these men and women about us, and the dear young people under our own roofs, and the devoted husbands, beside whom walk gentle, Christian wives—do we believe that these men are lost, and that these young people are lost? Do

while their little ones slept close by and while millions of stars looked down from overhead. And this is the prayer they prayed: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Now you know why the Orioles will be at church from now on, not two or three Sundays between Easters, but every Sunday.

Also, you know why Pastor Penguin wishes every bird in Wington would catch their kind of spring fever.

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we believe it? Then, I pray you, even as I summon myself, let us go to them in the right spirit, pleading with God to teach us, to empower us, to enable us to plead that now, before the day is gone, they may repent of sin and be saved forever.

My message is done when I shall have asked one question. Mark it: Do these Christian men and women listening to me tonight, down in their hearts really wish that sinners shall be saved during these days of special meetings? Probably hundreds here present answer me back: "Sir, that is our deep wish, that sinners may be saved?" But I am going to make it stronger than that. Do these Christian men and women listening to me this Wednesday night say: "Sir, I promise you, yea, sir, I promise God, and in the presence of God and of angels and men, I declare my promise not only do I desire to see sinners saved in these special meetings, but I will try myself, frail as I am and weak as I am—I will try myself, like Andrew, to win somebody to Christ"? Do you say: "That is my wish, sir, and that is my purpose, God helping me"? Everyone who says, that, stand to your feet.

### The Closing Prayer

Give us Thy counsel and comfort, our Father, this hour, when our hearts have been searched by Thy Word of truth, and in these last moments, ere we separate, we make our appeal to Thee, that we may translate into life, into power, into action, this message from Thy Book this night. How we rejoice that many in this presence stand, quietly and humbly, but courageously, to say that they not only desire to see sinners sav-

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ed, but, what is of far more meaning, they purpose, looking to Thee, O God, to help them, to strive personally to win others to Christ, in the hours and days just before us. O Divine Spirit, rest Thou upon every head and heart, and be on every tongue, and send us to the right persons, and give us to speak what and as we ought to speak to them concerning their personal salvation. Go Thou before us, and prepare the heart, that we shall speak to, and open the understanding, and make the soul to be concerned by Thine own life-giving touch, Thine own spiritual illumination. Our gracious Father, let these days be days when preachers and laymen, when parents and children, when Christians of every age and name, shall personally dedicate their very best to win the people to Christ. Let this be the time when the people all about us, of all conditions and classes and needs shall have brought home to them the all-important truth that to live without God is to live vainly, is to miss the true end of being. Let the truth, terrible and sure, be written like fire in every conscience, that to live contrary to the will of God is to come to defeat and death. And let this be a time when, on the right hand and on the left, men and women and children shall come with honest, earnest and complete surrender of their lives to Christ.

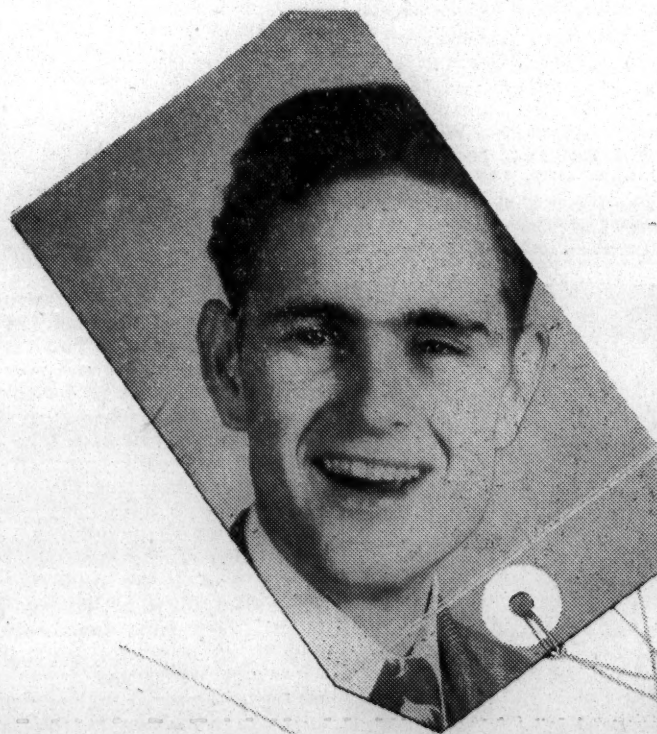
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